

## COL Heidi J. Hoyle



COL Heidi J. Hoyle is a native of Bay City, Mich., and was commissioned as an ordnance officer following her graduation from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. in 1994.

Branch detailed to the Chemical Corps, Hoyle attended the Basic Course at Fort McClellan, Ala. and then moved to Germany for her first assignment as the battalion chemical officer in 7-227th Aviation Regiment. After a quick transition course at Redstone Arsenal, Ala., she returned to Germany and served as accountable officer then shop officer in the 71st Ordnance Company. She was then pulled up to the 18th Corps Support Battalion where she served as the maintenance support operations officer of the 18th Corps Support Battalion.

Upon returning to the states, she attended the Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) School before assignment as the 761st Ordnance Company (EOD) commander at Fort Sill, Okla., from March 1999 to June 2001. Following command, she moved across post to serve as the battalion operations officer (S-3) of the 19th Maintenance Battalion.

In 2002, Hoyle attended the University of Virginia where she earned a Master's of Science in Systems Engineering under the Army's Advanced Civil Schooling Program. After receiving her degree, she was assigned as an associate professor in the Department of Systems Engineering at West Point from 2004 to 2006.

Hoyle was then assigned to Fort Carson as the executive officer of the 242nd Ordnance Battalion (EOD). Seven months into the assignment, the battalion headquarters deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with responsibility for command and control of all EOD assets in Afghanistan. Following redeployment, Hoyle moved to the nation's capitol to serve as the aide-de-camp to the director of the Joint IED Defeat Organization.

Next, Hoyle was selected to command the Special Troops Battalion (STB) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sustainment Brigade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, at Fort Stewart, Ga. Shortly after arrival, she deployed portions of the STB and assumed command and control of all human resources and financial management units deployed throughout Iraq in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. Following 24 months of command, Hoyle represented the Army in the DARPA Service Chief's Fellows Program and then graduated from the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy at Fort McNair, Md. (formerly known as the Industrial College of the Armed Forces).

Hoyle's most recent job was serving as a special assistant to the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Commanding General and has a follow-on assignment to command the 71<sup>st</sup> EOD Group in September 2014.

Her awards include the Bronze Star Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (two oak leaf clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (three oak leaf clusters), Army Achievement Medal (one oak leaf cluster), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War

on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Non Article 5 Medal, and the Senior EOD Badge.